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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0811

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOMALI DELEGATION LEAVES MADAGASCAR

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1. MOHAMED AHMED LEFT MADAGASCAR APRIL 26. NO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BUT OFFICIAL PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT REEKS MORE THAN USUAL OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, ETC, AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF NON-ALIGNMENT BUT MUCH OF NEED FOR CLOSE RELATIONS AMONG ALL PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES. SIMILARITY OF MADAGASCAR AND SOMALIA IN THEIR ETHNIC AND LINGUISTIC HOMOGENEITY NOTED, AND AHMED CITED DESIRABILITY OF RELATIONS AT GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEVEL. THERE ARE NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT PRESENT. AHMED ALSO NOTED THAT SOMALIA MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MADAGASCAR'S SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES, PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO DIEGO SUAREZ. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA WOULD VISIT SOMALIA.

2. I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER RAKOTOMAVO ON APRIL 27 WHETHER AHMED HAD HAD ANY INTERESTING COMMENTS TO MAKE ON CONDITIONS IN THE HORN. ACCORDING TO MINISTER, AHMED HAD ONLY SAID
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THAT SOMALIA WOULD RESPECT INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI BUT THAT IF ANYONE ELSE SHOULD DO OTHERWISE, SOMALIA WOULD HAVE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

3. ALTHOUGH PRESS NOTED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE LOCATED ON INDIAN OCEAN, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT NOR OF DIEGO GARCIA. INTERESTINGLY, APRIL 29

MADAGASCAR MATIN CARRIED REPORT ON RECENT STUDY BY
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC STUDIES CONCERNING
SOVIET FACILITIES IN SOMALIA. MAD MATIN ARTICLE INCLUDED
THE SPECIFICS OF THE SOVIET INSTALLATIONS AT BERBERA, A
SUBJECT WHICH IS USUALLY ABSENT FROM THE MALAGASY PRESS.
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